

## THE BRITISH CABINET

## POINTS ABOUT THE MEN WHO ARE TO AID GLADSTONE.

For Various Reasons Americans Are Interested in the Return of the Liberals to Power—The Grand Old Man's Chief Lieutenants.

At no time since the treaty of Ghent have Americans taken so much interest in British politics as now, and the list of the new cabinet named by Mr. Gladstone is studied almost as eagerly as that of a newly inaugurated president. The Behring sea difficulties, and the recent complications with Canada, the questions of tariff and reciprocity make British politics of commercial importance to the United States, but as there are more Irishmen in America than in any other country, and nearly as many as in all the rest of the world, the Irish question far outweighs any other with citizens of the Union.

For this reason the Right Hon. John Morley, chief secretary of Ireland, has a place of interest above that indicated by his rank in the cabinet. He is the oldest son of a plain commoner and business man, Jonathan Morley, and was born in Lancashire in 1838. He edited in succession The Fortnightly Review, Pall Mall Gazette, and Macmillan's Magazine and is the author of several



RUSSELL. MORLEY. KIMBERLEY. ASQUITH. BANNERMAN.

works. In 1883 he was elected to parliament for Newcastle-upon-Tyne and is the nearest to a Radical or democrat of any man in the cabinet. He held the same place by appointment of Mr. Gladstone in 1886, but that government was defeated in its attempt to liberalize the Irish administration.

Earl Rosebery, foreign secretary, who ranks next to Mr. Gladstone so far as there is rank in a body which is made up at the discretion of the premier, was born May 7, 1847. His father having died in 1858, he succeeded his grandfather when the latter died, in 1868. He was educated at Cambridge, but left before graduation on account of what the English politely call a "misunderstanding," as the college authorities objected to his love for fast horses. Baron Herschell, lord chancellor, comes next in dignity, but in present importance he is ranked by Sir William Vernon Harcourt, chancellor of the exchequer.

This gentleman was long known to the literary world as "Historicus" in the London Times and as the slashing critic of The Saturday Review. He was born in 1827 and it was he who first named Mr. Gladstone the "Grand Old Man." The home secretary is plain Herbert H. Asquith, born in Yorkshire in 1832 and first chosen to parliament in 1886 as member for East Fife. He is an object of special interest to Gail Hamilton and all who have joined her in appealing for the pardon of Mrs. Maybrick, the American woman convicted of poisoning her English husband. In his hands virtually rests the pardoning power, as with rare exceptions her majesty pardons only on his recommendation.

The Marquis of Ripon, secretary of state for the Colonies, and therefore of importance in Canadian affairs, was born in London in 1827, when his father, first Earl of Ripon, was premier. His "front name" is George Frederick Samuel Robinson, and to it is a string of titles nineteen inches long in type of this size. Sir George Otto Trevelyan, secretary for Scotland, is a son of Macanlay's sister and a man of some literary reputation. Earl Spencer, first lord of the admiralty, is fifty-seven years old, has been in public life ever since he left school, is very familiar with Irish affairs and very liberal in his views thereon.

Lord Kimberley, secretary of state for India, was born in 1826, born a Wodehouse, of one of the oldest noble families in England, and has been prominent in British politics for forty years. The Right Honorable Henry Campbell-Bannerman is a comparatively new man, though he has held office before, as the



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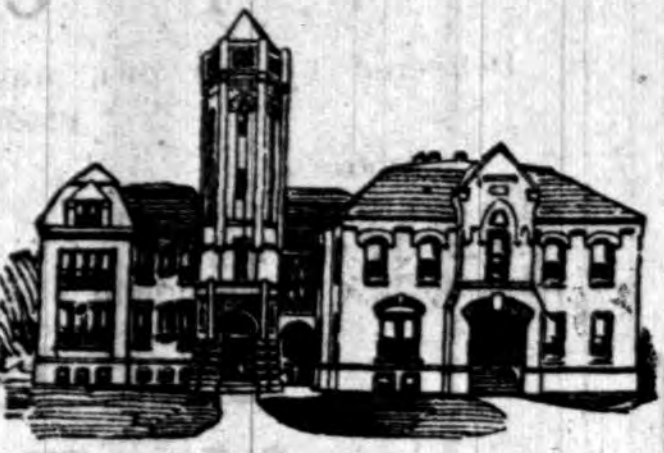
"Right Honorable" indicates. He is secretary of state for war, as they phrase it. Sir Charles Russell, attorney general, was born in 1829, was made queen's counsel in 1872, entered parliament for Dundalk in 1880 and was knighted in 1885. These are only the most prominent members of the cabinet, which contains twenty-two members.

One of the most interesting relics in the executive mansion at Raleigh is a card table presented to Governor Barrengton by King George II about the year 1735.

## ADDING TO CARLTON COLLEGE.

More Room Needed by Northfield's Seat of Learning.

To many newspaper readers Northfield, Rice county, Minn., is known chiefly as the place where the Younger boys and their band made their last raid, where they were so heroically opposed and whence they were hunted to cap-



WILLIAMS HALL.

ture and consigned to prison for life. The city has, however, far higher claims to consideration—for its banks, business and fine buildings, and still more as the location of Carlton college.

Annexed to and a part of this college are the Goodsell observatory and Williams hall, the latter the gift of Dr. Edward H. Williams, of Philadelphia, and built in 1880. It was then supposed that this would be ample for the scientific school, but the number of students has rapidly increased, as the present tendency of education is toward science rather than the classics, and an addition to Williams hall is now agreed upon.

The growth of the college is shown by the fact that, though there is room in the chemical laboratory for but forty students, at least 100 must be provided for in 1892-3. The museum is also so crowded that a much larger hall will be required for the splendid collection of the state's minerals, fossils and animals. The addition to Williams hall will provide for these, as well as for the departments of biology and physics.

## A Candidate for High Office.

Ex-Senator John C. Spooner, now the Republican candidate for governor of Wisconsin, is an Indiana man, and his father, Judge Philip L. Spooner, was once an eminent legal authority in that state. The son was born at Lawrenceburg, Ind., Jan. 6, 1843, and went to Madison, Wis., with the family in 1859. He was graduated from the State university there in 1864 and at once entered the army, in which he remained till July, 1866, when he was mustered out as brevet major.



HON. JOHN C. SPOONER.

He was admitted to the bar in 1867, and after serving some time as assistant in the attorney general's office located in practice at Hudson. In 1872 he was elected to the state legislature, and in 1885 became United States senator for the term ending in 1891. As the Democrats carried the state in 1890 he was not re-elected, and is now pitted against Governor Peck for chief executive of the state. He has been an enthusiastic supporter of the State university and a member of the board of regents.

Wrote "The American Commonwealth." Professor James Bryce, who has been honored by Premier Gladstone with the appointment of chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster, and who is well known throughout the United States through his wonderful book, "The American Commonwealth," was born at Belfast on May 10, 1838, and was graduated at Trinity college, Oxford, in 1863, with high honor. He was a practicing barrister for several years, was in 1870 made regius professor of civil law at Oxford and in 1880 was sent to parliament as a Liberal from the Tower Hamlets. In 1885 he was chosen from South Aberdeen, and when Gladstone came into power, Mr. Bryce was made under secretary of state for foreign affairs. He has always been a consistent and earnest advocate of home rule.

Longevity Extraordinary. A remarkable case of longevity is reported from Clarence, N. Y., where Mrs. Lavinia Fillmore recently celebrated the 115th anniversary of her birth. She is the widow of the Rev. Glezen Fillmore, a cousin of Millard Fillmore, formerly president of the United States. Her husband died in 1874. Mrs. Fillmore was born in Waterbury, Conn., in 1777, and moved to New York state when very young. When twenty-three years old she was married to the Rev. Mr. Fillmore. The Fillmores lived in Buffalo in 1812, when that city was burned by the British. Since her husband's death Mrs. Fillmore has lived quietly on her farm at Clarence. It is said that she has never ridden on a railway train. The old lady enjoys good health.

Two Political Demonstrations. Those persons who take an interest in the political campaign, and almost every one does, will possibly not be surprised to learn that the two national conventions of campaign clubs will be held in New York state. The Republican clubs will hold their convention in Buffalo on Sept. 15, General Clarkson having changed the date from Sept. 1. The Democratic club convention will be held in New York city Oct. 4 and 5.

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